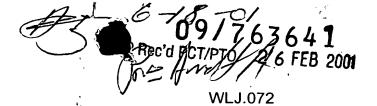
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24 and 29 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-16 and 18-21 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 8, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or claim 7".

Claim 11, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.